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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

The Senate met at 2 p.m., and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who restores our souls, enable us to live in Your company and dwell in Your presence. Inspire our Senators. Uphold them by Your spirit and strengthen them with Your hands. When tomorrow's responsibilities loom large, remind them that You can turn their obstacles into opportunities. Forgive them when they doubt the effectiveness of spiritual weapons such as love, patience, and kindness. Teach our lawmakers that any success alien to Your way is worse than failure, and that any failure directed by Your spirit is better than victory. Give them courage and resolution to do their duty and a heart to be spent in Your service and in doing all the good they can.

We pray in the Name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM WEBB led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 11, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WEBB thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, after my remarks and that of the distinguished Republican leader, we will resume consideration of S. 2248, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Senators will debate the remaining amendments to the legislation this afternoon. There will be no rollcall votes today. However, Senators should expect to begin voting on remaining amendments tomorrow morning at about 10 a.m. Everyone should know that under the order that is now before the Senate, all debate will have to be completed today.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2596, S. 2615, S. 2616, and S. 2619

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have one small item of business. It is my understanding there are four bills due for second readings.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct. The clerk will report the bills by title for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2596) to rescind funds appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, for the City of Berkeley, California, and any entities located in such city, and to provide that such funds shall be transferred to the Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps account of the Department of Defense for the purposes of recruiting.

A bill (S. 2615) to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.

A bill (S. 2616) to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2619) to protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings with respect to these bills en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, when I was elected to Congress in 1982, I had the opportunity to visit over the telephone on many occasions with a new Congressman named TOM LANTOS. He was new from California. He was very interested in my election. He helped me

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